

TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE-

Where Education Meets Green Paradise On the Earth



(2017 versus 2022)

It All Started With A Vision!



Walking A Long Path Towards Greenery – From 2017 to 2022



Our Motto- Perseverance, Hardwork and Commitment



(2017)

(2022)

The Green Orchard Next to Our Library Gives Practical Lessons along with Academic Learning



(2017)

(2022)

We Created Our *Shantiniketan* - Where All Living Beings Live Together in Peace



A College That Works Together Stays Together – Like One Green Family



The Fruits Of Our Labour !



“Flowers Don’t Tell, They Show”

– Stephanie Skeem

The Original Sweetness - Apiary in TGASC Campus



We Save 40 Lakh Litres of Water Annually



Mr. R. Kamalakannan (Education Minister: 2016 -2021) Inaugurating Our Water Recharging Pond



Water Recharging Pit (2022)

GREEN INITIATIVES - 1



SHANTHI AARANYAM



CORONA MEMORIAL GARDEN



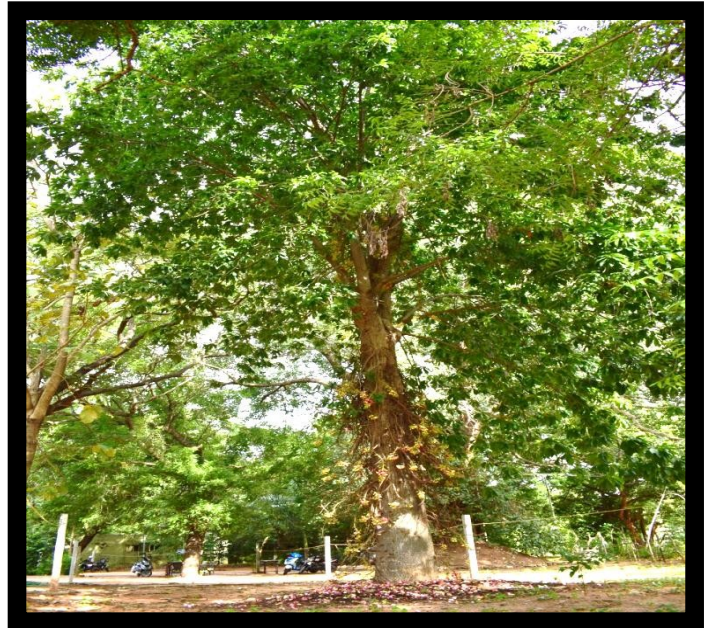
CHOLA GARDEN



VEERA MANGAI VELU NATCHIYAR GARDEN



BUDDHA GARDEN



NAGALINGAM TREE

GREEN INITIATIVES - 2



BUTTERFLY GARDEN



SANGAM POND



NSS GARDEN



AERIAL VIEW



AERIAL VIEW



BEFORE AND AFTER

GREEN INITIATIVES - 3



Before and After



Since 2019 to 2022



Program with School Children



Program with Community



Program with Farmers and other College Students



Program with Transgender

Visitors from Educational Institution & Alumni - 4



**Staff & Students of
Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Arts & Science College
for Women, Chennai**



**Staff & Students of
Satya Special School, Puducherry**



**Staff & Students of
Government High School, Mangalam, Puducherry**



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SEED FESTIVAL

Visit of VIP'S - 5



**Hon'ble Lt. Governor
Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
Government of Puducherry**



**Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. N. Rangasamy &
Hon'ble Speaker Shri. Embalam Selvam
Government of Puducherry**



**Hon'ble Minister for Home
Shri. A. Namassivayam
Government of Puducherry**



**Hon'ble Former Lt. Governor
Dr. Kiran Bedi
Government of Puducherry**



**Hon'ble Deputy Speaker
Shri. P. Rajavelu
Government of Puducherry**



**Hon'ble M.L.A's
Shri. P.M.L. Kalyana Sundaram & Shri. A. Johnkumar
Government of Puducherry**

Vegetables and Fruits and Flowers in our Campus - 6



Organic Vegetables in our College Campus



Organic Fruits in our College Campus



Organic Drumsticks in our College Campus



Flowers in our College Campus

TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE Puducherry

Institutional Social Responsibility - Green Initiatives



PLANT TREES!

SAVE ENVIRONMENT!!

RECENT DISTINGUISHED VISITORS



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Distinguished Visitors to the TGASC Campus

Sl. No.	Name of the Visitors	Designation
1.	Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan	Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry
2.	Dr. Kiran Bedi	Former Lt. Governor
3.	Thiru. Embalam. Selvam	Hon'ble Speaker of Puducherry Assembly
4.	Thiru. P. Rajavelu	Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Puducherry Assembly
5.	Thiru. A. Namasivayam	Hon'ble Minister of Education & Home, Puducherry
6.	Tmt. Chandrika Priyanka	Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Transport, Puducherry
7.	Thiru. P.M. Kaliyana Sundaram	Member of Legislative Assembly, Puducherry
8.	Thiru. A. John Kumar	Member of Legislative Assembly, Puducherry
9.	Thiru. U. Lakshmi Kanthan	Member of Legislative Assembly, Puducherry
10.	Thiru. Aswini Kumar	Chief Secretary for Puducherry
11.	Thiru. S.D. Sundaresan	Secretary to Labour
12.	Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty	Former VC, Central University of Orissa
13.	Ravi Samavedam	Bakul Foundation, Bhubaneswar
14.	Prof. Byomakesh Tripathy	VC Utkal University of Culture , Bhubaneswar.
15.	Rahul Alwal	IPS, Puducherry
16.	Mr. Subham	SP, Puducherry
17.	Mr. Lalit Verma	International Artist, Aurodhan Art Gallery
18.	Padma Shri. Thiru. V.K. Munusamy	Indian Terracotta Artist
19.	Mrs. Subasini	Chartered Accountant
20.	Dr. Vidyaa Ramkumar	Chairperson, DLCC, Puducherry.
21.	Tmt. P. Ragini	Former Director, Art and Culture, Govt. of Puducherry
22.	Thiru. Rudara Gauda	Director, DHTE
23.	Thiru. Sivakumar	Forest Officer, Forest Dept.
24.	Thiru. R. Kamalakannan	Former Education Minister
25.	Thiru. M.O.H Shajahan	Former Revenue Minister
26.	Dr. Sampad Kumar Swain	Professor in Tourism Dept., Pondicherry

		University.
27.	Thiru. Senthil Kumar	Thasildhar, Puducherry.
28.	Kanakan Lake Association People	--
29.	1988 Batch Alumni	--
30.	Tmt. Jahanzeb Akhtar, IRS	Principal Commissioner of IT, Puducherry.
31.	Dr. K. Chandrasekara Rao	Dean, CDC, Pondicherry University
32.	Ms. Asha Gupta	DGM, PTDC

Words Of Appreciation by Our Visitors

In a bid to popularise the plantation drive, distinguished persons from different walks of life are invited during programmes held in the college. These visitors have shared their words of wisdom and appreciation with us and we are grateful for their contribution to our efforts. A few distinguished visitors include the following:



Former Lieutenant Governor Dr. Kiran Bedi visited the TGASC campus numerous times between 2018 and 2021. She addressed the students and faculty, underscoring the importance of planting trees and contributing our best efforts towards nurturing the environment.



“There is an important lesson in this...that each small seed contains in it a large tree. Like every seed, each of you should blossom to your full potential.”

Dr. Tamilisai Sowndararajan

(Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry- 07 Sept. 2021)



Thiru. A. Namassivayam, the Hon'ble Minister of Home and Education along with PMLAs Thiru. P.M. Kaliyana Sundaram and Thiru. A. John Kumar inaugurated the Buddha Garden and planting of saplings as part of *Azadi Ka Mahotsava* on 17 September 2021. He appreciated the College for being a role model to the other colleges in this respect.



Hon. Speaker Sir Mr. Embalam R. Selvam, Puducherry Legislative Assembly, visited the TGASC campus in September 2021 to encourage and contribute towards the Tree plantation drive as a part of 75th year of Independence!



The College honoured and felicitated **Padma Shri Awardee Shri. Munusamy** for his immense contribution to Indian arts and crafts. Showcasing his talent in making terracotta crafts, Shri Munusamy made students realise how important it was to stay connected with nature and soil. (21 December 2021)



TGASC organised a felicitation **programme for transgenders, in collaboration with Divey Foundation,** New Delhi, to provide exposure of higher education institution and trekking through the urban green forest created in the college. The inclusive event was appreciated by one and all.



Mrs. Chandra Priyanka visited TGASC on 8 January 2022. The Minister also planted saplings in the Corona memorial Garden in memory of the lost beloved souls during the pandemic. In her message, she requested all the students and staff to do plantation in making the environment greener.

Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Transport, Government of Puducherry.



“It is a profound experience to see what a small team of people can do in the course of five years. This goes on to show what someone has said, “Ask not what the world can do for u but ask what u can give to the world” This is a living example of that”
(Bakul Foundation, Bhubaneswar. 17 March 2022)



Prof. Byomakesh Tripathy, Vice Chancellor Utkal University of Culture, Bhubaneswar visited our campus in March 2022 and paid his tribute to the Covid warriors.



It is really heart-warming that students and staff, under the able guidance of the Principal are involved in various aspects of this endeavour of developing the urban forest.”

Dr. D. Sreekumar (Professor and Head), Instructional Livestock Farm Complex at the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER), Puducherry (3 March 2022)



“Nature and creativity always go hand in hand. Your Open-Air classroom is rightly called *Shantinikentan*. The urban forest is wonderful and should be an example to all educational institutions.”

Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Orissa, India. (17 April 2022)

Green Vibes Travel Wide: Group-Visits to the TGASC Campus



CII, Young India



Rotary Eves



Eager to Forge India

TGASC Campus in News!



Puducherry: Tagore Govt Arts & Science College Converted into a Green Campus from ... - Latest Tweet by ANI

The latest Tweet by ANI states, 'Puducherry: Tagore Govt Arts & Science College converted into a green campus from barren land' 'I didn't felt positive when I came here in 2017. I thought I should create a good ambience. Right now, we've 3000 plants on the campus,' says principal Sasikanta Das'

BIG NEWS NETWORK

Puducherry: Tagore college sets an example in greening



Puducherry [India], August 21, (ANI): Setting an example in campus greening initiatives, Tagore Government Arts and Science College, one of the leading

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Puducherry: Tagore college takes green initiative; transforms 13 acres land in forest

Leading the way in the green campus initiative, the college has remodelled its 13 acres of land on the periphery of the campus into a lush green reserve.

Written by: [Deepan Chattopadhyay](#)

Updated Aug 21, 2021 10:03 PM

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4 Jul 2022



மரங்களால் கல்லூரிக்குள் 'காடு' உருவாக்கிய முதல்வர்.. இயற்கையை பாதுகாக்க கையில் எடுத்த புதிய முயற்சி.. யார் இவர்? என்னவெல்லாம் செய்திருக்கிறார்?

Positive News makes a Great Impact

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS
03 VILLUPURAM REGION MONDAY 19.07.2021

From a barren campus to lush green mini-forest

College prof turns 15-acre campus into forest with around 3K trees

DEBIANI DUTTA @ Puducherry

TAGORE Arts College at Lawspet, which was once a barren land with a few bushes, now boasts of a verdant green campus where trees, vegetables, fruits, flowers, birds and butterflies as well as animals like rabbits and ducks greet visitors.

The architect of this change is college principal Sasikanta Dash, who has turned the 15-acre campus into a mini forest with close to 3,000 trees, including fruit-bearing species, creepers, vegetables and native flowering plants. The change has happened in a span of four years and there are also pits to store rainwater.


It all began when he was posted as principal of the government college in 2017. "The place was gloomy. There was just a large barren land with shrubs and beer bottles thrown around. There was no atmosphere for education. Outside the classroom, students had no sitting places and used to take their lunch sitting on the road. I wanted to change the environment. I believe every campus must have its share of greenery to provide a pleasant learning environment for students," said Dash. Using his experience gained while serving as Assistant Professor of Government College, Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh, and his growing up days in Odisha, he started out by planting saplings bought from nurseries. There were difficulties in watering the plants as the college did not have even a garden.

Cows were roaming everywhere and there was resistance from local people who would pull out the planted saplings, says Dash. But his patience reaped dividends. He never gave up on planting trees, starting with basil and neem. He would come to the college early in the morning for planting trees and a cattle guard was installed on the gates. Water was purchased through tankers from municipality with his own funds and manure was arranged. He googled topics related to growing plants and used the knowledge effectively to grow the trees. His enthusiasm rubbed off on others and gradually, like-minded staff got motivated and started joining him in planting trees and caring for them. The garden now has several trees including 10 banyans, almost all types of fruits and vegetables and even berries and Ashwagandha. There are small pools for the birds that have arrived now that the trees have grown. The campus also has a 60x45 ft pit with a capacity to store 1.2 million litres of water. Even apiculture is done here. The vegetables and fruits are provided to the college canteen, staff and students while some are left behind in the plants to attract the birds. The students now sit under trees or take walks amid greenery.

Sasikanta Dash has ambitious plans to undertake greening in 10 villages by involving the students of those villages and getting the support of villagers.

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Sasikanta Dash, Professor at Tagore Arts College



Sasikanta Dash, Principal at Tagore Arts College is seen with his new green initiative at the college campus in Puducherry | G PATTABI RAMAN

When Visions turn into reality: Open Air Classroom for Students

Chief Justice Sanjay Karol... to conform to the standards that the BCI... the BCI... that... passed... petition... Rank... opposed... and LLB... names of... university... ducation.

The Hindu 19th aug 2021

College in Lawspet sets an example in greening initiatives

Tagore College has converted about 13 acres of barren land into green reserve

M. DINESH VARMA
Puducherry

Tagore Government Arts and Science College, alma mater of distinguished academicians and political personalities, is setting an example in campus greening initiatives.

Located in an elevated part of the city in Lawspet, the TAC has converted about 13 acres of once barren land into lush green reserve. In fact, the bio-diverse surroundings that house over 3,000 varieties of flowering plants and fruit-bearing trees, has even reported peacock sightings in recent times.

CM's award
Though the greening of the campus has been acknowledged by NGOs and featured in the U.S.-based Good News Network, the highest accolade yet for the efforts came during the Independence Day celebrations when Chief Minister N. Rangasamy presented the 'Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration' to college principal Sasi Kanta Dash, who has championed the environmental cause.

Until 2017 when Mr. Dash took over, the campus was largely barren but for a few trees. Since assuming charge as principal, he undertook sustained greening initiatives that in a short span of a few years turned a sparsely wooded campus into a lush green mini-forest which has more than 3,000 varieties of plants, fruit-bearing trees, a variety of butterfly species and birds.

The flora features hibiscus, bougainvillea and jasmine, peepal, neem, banyan, mango, fig, casuarinas and even cannonball trees. The campus has also grown into a natural habitat for birds including owls, sparrows, kingfishers, cuckoos and woodpeckers.

A vegetable garden is also maintained on the campus with the produce ranging from brinjal and bottle gourd to tomatoes and snake gourd. The vegetables from the kitchen garden are used to feed the birds or donated to the needy.

Apart from maintaining a regular supply to the college canteen, the produce is also made available for visitors. In fact, the garden supplies helped serve more than 600 families, 72 elderly people and five villages during pandemic.

Taking the eco-friendly measures one step further, the college has created a water recharging pond with potential to save nearly 1.2 million litres of water inside the campus. Mr. Dash said his interest in environmentalism had begun to grow long before he came to the city, during his posting in various places such as Arunachal Pradesh and Hyderabad where he experienced how quickly green landscapes were turning brown.

The turning point, though, was the posting at TAC where he was particularly struck by the contrast of the vastness of the land and its absolute lack of greenery, which "gave off negative vibes all around".

"Even though the campus abounds with flowers, not single one is plucked by an student," he says.

Way to go: The campus has more than 3,000 varieties of plants, fruit-bearing trees, butterfly species and birds.



Nurturing Students with Sensitivity: Respecting Nature

The Times of India 19th Aug

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Principal raises a mini-forest inside Pondy college campus

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Puducherry: A principal of a government arts and science college in the Union territory has transformed a 13-acre land inside the campus into a lush green mini forest with more than 3,000 trees with help from students, staff members and volunteers within a span of five years.

Sasi Kanta Dash, who was appointed principal of the Tagore Government Arts and Science college in 2017, said the mini forest has a diverse species of trees ranging from neem, banyan, mango, fig, castor, Asoka and cannonball. While the foliage is now home to several birds, Dash's kitchen garden where brinjal, bottle gourd, snake gourd, ridge gourd, green chillies and tomatoes are raised supplies organic vegetables to the college canteen. During the pandemic, when the canteen was closed, the college donated the vegetables to the needy. The vegetables and fruits were also used to feed the birds. The government recognised his efforts and honoured him with an award for 'proficiency in public administration'. Chief minister N Rangasamy presented him the award during the Independence Day celebrations.

The principal and the students also planted several flowering plants including hibiscus, bougainvillea, jasmine and Spanish cherry. "I have been planting tree saplings since my student days at Hyderabad Central University. When I took charge as the principal here, the 13-acre campus was idle and unproductive barren land. The campus had the bare minimum number of trees. I wanted to transform the campus into an eco-friendly place," he said.

Dash realised his green mission could not be achieved without the support of the college students and teaching and non-teaching staff members. "I motivated the students and others to join in the green mission. As the green cover increased, birds like kingfisher, cuckoo, woodpecker and peacock have become frequent visitors," he said.

BEFORE & AFTER: Tagore Government Arts and Science college now has 3,000 different species of trees and shrubs

KGASC campus is a Mini-Forest

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Odisha man's green abode of peace in Puducherry

It all began in 2017 when Odisha-native Sasikanta Dash took over as the Principal of Tagore Arts and Science College in Lawspet.

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Sasikanta Dash, Principal of Tagore Arts and Science College in Puducherry | G. PATTABIRAMAN

By Debjani Dutta
Express News Service

PUDUCHERRY: Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore's father Debendranath Tagore was taking a boat ride in 1862, when he discovered a vast expanse of greenwood paradise that he thought was cut out for meditation. He named the place 'Shantiniketan' (abode of peace), and the rest is history. Down south in Puducherry, another abode of peace and excellence exists, but this paradise was not discovered, it was moulded from scratch.

It all began in 2017 when Odisha-native Sasikanta Dash took over as the Principal of Tagore Arts and Science College in Lawspet. For Dash, who had overseen an afforestation crusade in Arunachal Pradesh, 15 acres of barren land with shrubs and beer bottles strewn around in a Tagore-namesake institution was mortifying.

He took steps to clear the land, planted saplings and encouraged the faculty and students to join. Five years down the lane, the land is a mini forest. Over 4,000 trees, vegetable plants, creepers and native flowering plants now breathe here. While a large number of birds and butterflies defected to the campus with pleasure, a few animals like rabbits were introduced to the area by the faculty. The majesty and solace, students feel while attending classes under the trees now, belie the mini forest's humble beginnings.

I began the works with my own savings, says Dash. "When some saplings I planted began to grow, the faculty and students got interested, but we had a task cut out," he adds. With whatever money they could gather, they bought more saplings. As there was no gardener in the college, watering proved a hurdle. Stray cows also began destroying the plants. So, a guard was stationed to ward off cows. Tankers from the municipality were summoned to water saplings, and slowly everything fell into place. Dash began to come early every day to nurture the plants. Students too started getting involved.

The New Indian Express: TGASC is the New 'Shantiniketan' (Abode of Peace)

Tweets by the Honourable LG Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan

← Tweet



Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan ✓ @DrTamilisaiGuv

Dr Sasi Kanta Dash, Principal-Tagore Arts College #Puducherry called on at Raj Nivas. Glad to know the innovative initiatives undertaken in their campus to increase green cover. Appreciated for developing a mini forest with more than 3000 trees & making ecological friendly campus.



Tweet your reply



Dr Tamilisai Soundarar... ✓ · 5h

On 'International Day of Clean Air for blue skies', planted a tree sapling - as symbol of growth and strength, during my visit to the campus of Tagore Arts & Science College, Lawspet #Puducherry. Let us all try together to make our environment clean and safe.

#WorldCleanAirDay



President of India and 9 others



Lt. Gov. Puducherry ✓ @... · 2d

On #InternationalDayOfCleanAirForBlueSkies, Lt. Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated a Covid Memorial Garden and Open Air Classroom at Tagore Arts and Science College, Lawspet, Puducherry. 1/n @moefcc @byadavbjp @AshwiniKChoubey @DrTamilisaiGuv @pibchennai @ANI



Embracing Environmentalism- Honourable LG Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurating the Corona Memorial Garden



Mango News @Mango_Ne... · 1h :
Dr. Soundararajan writes on twitter,"Inaugurated Covid Memorial Garden & Open Air Classroom at Tagore Arts & Science College, Puducherry. Appreciated the Principal, Faculty & Students 4 green promotion."

#TamilisaiSoundararajan
#COVIDMemorialGarden
#Puducherry #MangoNews



TELANGANA GOVERNOR, TAMILISAI SOUNDARARAJAN INAUGURATES COVID MEMORIAL GARDEN AT PUDUCHERRY

THE HINDU

Puducherry L-G urges youth to embrace environmentalism



Lt. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan during the visit to the Tagore Government Arts and Science College on Tuesday.

L-G urges youth to embrace environmentalism

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUDUCHERRY

An 'Open Air Classroom' where learning happens in the midst of nature and a 'Corona Memorial Garden' have come up at the Tagore Government Arts and Science College, Lawspet.

Launching the facilities and a Green Puducherry mission, Lt. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan urged youth to adopt environmentalism in life.

Addressing the students

of the college, the Lt. Governor recalled that one of the first schemes she had discussed with the Chief Minister while planning events for the year-long 75th anniversary Independence Day celebrations was to undertake planting of 75,000 saplings across the Union Territory.

Fondness for nature

Mentioning her fondness for trees and plants, Ms. Soundararajan, who also serves as Telangana Governor,

spoke about the home of poet and freedom fighter Sarojini Naidu in Hyderabad which had a fully bloomed mango tree that had sprouted from a seed planted by none other Mahatma Gandhi. It is said that Gandhi brought the seed to Hyderabad after eating a mango while in detention at the Yerawada Central Jail, and planted it while rejoining the freedom struggle, she said.

"There is an important lesson in this... that each

small seed contains in it a large tree. Like every seed, each of you should blossom to your full potential," she told the students.

She also advised them to develop the reading habit and extra curricular talents and to seize opportunities that come their way.

Often switching to an interactive mode, the Lt. Governor asked students whether any of them had planted a sapling and to share their experience of nurture.

Our Proud Endeavour - Seed Mela – 30th July 2022



Dr. Sultan Ismail, Soil Biologist, Tamil Nadu State Development Policy Council



Plantation Drive -Seed Mela



Our Alumni and Guests – Seed Mela was Open to All

Organic Farming to Natural Clothing- Seed Mela Had It All



OUR STUDENTS WRITE ---

Tagore Government Arts and Science College, one of the leading colleges in Pondicherry, has transformed the campus into a lush green reserve

✓**VEGETABLE GARDEN -**

Vegetable Garden provides nutritious food for students as the vegetables grown in it are brought to the canteen.

✓**HOUSE OF BIRDS -**

Nearly 20 species of birds can be seen in the campus; accompanying making our surroundings diverse.

✓**BUDDHA GARDEN -**

Buddha under a bulky tree welcomes us to serenity, along with other living beings like ducks, rabbits, and fishes.

✓**SHANTHI VANAM -**

Shanthi vanam is a small muster of grove with open air classes, providing us out-door learning experience amidst natural surroundings.

-Veda Reddy, BBA Tourism II Year

The open-air class room and the present atmosphere in the College **is a feast to our eyes and mind**. It creates varied experience sitting close to nature.

-Navaneeth Krishnan, BA English , III year

This is a new initiative, seen for the first time in our College. Open-air classroom attracts the students to appreciate and learn from nature and learn life-lessons amidst it.

TamilArasan, B.Com II Year

Every day, while entering the college, **I see green everywhere. This makes me calm and clear irrespective of my daily hardships**. During my class hours, I can feel the breeze from the windows touching my face gently. It makes me happy and refreshed.

Medhun Chakravarthy, B.Sc. Psychology, II Year

It wasn't until I experienced the green environment in my college that I truly understood how much I needed the fresh air, rustling leaves, chirping of birds, brightly coloured flowers and the shadow of the trees. My campus is a place where I want to come every day to find happiness! The open-air classroom takes me back to history when pupils received their

education amid nature. Every lesson learnt here is interesting and inspiring. **When studies become hectic, Open-air classroom comforts us with its beautiful ambience. Brainstorming ideas arise here,** peace is found here and suddenly classroom is turned into a place of happiness.

**-Akkash, B.A. English III
Year**

I have found a place that is shaped to my comfort. Here the environment also lectures me. **A place where tall trees teach me to aim for the sky; little creatures teach me to live life to its fullest and the flowers teach me to stay bloomed.** Even though it is a small place I still got to learn a lot. My college is a place which I confuse with a paradise!

**Josephine Varsha, B.Sc. Botany II
Year**

The green environment of our college inspires me a lot and I love it. We have planted many plants and trees in a short period. The fresh air and sounds of birds make me happy in the morning... **We make our own flower bouquets, using campus plants for our visitors.** I also want to mention about open air class room ... it's one of the great ideas to take classes there instead of within four walls...I really loved it because my mind thinks beyond the walls...I have got many new and creative ideas, it's one of the best experiences of my College life. I really want to thank our principal sir, Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash, as all this has happened because of his vision and commitment to the College.

Nandhini, B.A. French, III Year

Green and pollution free environment is a basic and essential need for everyone in today's world. By the efforts of our principal sir, our open-air, eco-friendly classroom has been initiated. The classroom is filled with fresh air and a clean peaceful environment helps to relieve mental pressure and stress. **The natural scenery of our college is a great treat for us. It inspires me to learn more about plants and trees, leading a life as part of nature.**

Metilda Susan, B.A. English III Year

I have been studying in Tagore Arts and Science College since 2019. From then, I have seen many changes in the campus. Initially I was not much interested in joining this college. Because I had not visited the campus before that. However, after getting admission in the college, I was astonished to see the lush green environment. I could feel fresh air, which is a rare treat in today's pollution ridden world. After the Covid-19 lockdown, we could not get into the college for almost two years. But after that, we have seen our campus getting transformed drastically. The open-air classroom motivates us to get involved in myriad College activities along with studies. I am very proud to be a student of TGASC.

**Preethika, B.A. English, III
Year**